United States Government Sends a Long Note to Great Britain Insisting on Early Improvement in the Manner tine. of Treatment.

THE WARNING ALSO APPLIES TO ALLIES

We Will Protect Our Rights At All Costs, Says President Wilson - Immediate arrived. Cessation of Interference Is Demanded.

By Assocrated Pass. 3 WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The Unit-ed States government yesterday dispatched a long note to Great Britain, insisting upon an early improvement in the treatment of American com-merce by the British fleet. It gave warning that much feeling had been groused in this country, and that publie criticism was general over unwar ranted interference with the legiti-mate foreign trade of the United

The document constituting the strongest representation on this sublect made by the United States to any of the belligerents since the outbreak of the war, was called to Ambassador Page to be formally presented to Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign sec-

Note Revised by Wilson.

its preparation was begun a month to by Solicitez Cone Johnson, Coun-tor Report Lausing and Secretary

As the detailed point of view of the United States in numerous specific cases of detentions and seizures of cargoes, had been set forth in a series of emphatic protests, most of which have gone unheeded, today's communication was couched in general terms covering the entire subject of the relations between the United States and Great, Britain as affected to the relations between the United States and Great, Britain as affected to the relations between the United States and Great, Britain as affected to the relations between the United States and Great, Britain as affected to county; Renick, Greenbrier country; Metz, Marion county; Rymer, Marion county, and Wyatt, Harrison country and Wyatt by the latter's naval policy, consid-(Continued on Page 3.)

NOTICE OWLS! There will be an installation of officers and social session on New Year's Eve, December 31, 1914. Come out

and have a good time. W. H. RANDOLPH, Sec.



sbly turning to snow and much colder tonight. Wednesday snow flurries and colder, with cold wave. Fresh outh winds, shifting to west gale. est Virginia—Rain or snow tonight. d wave.

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First National Bank FAIRMONT, W. VA.

Consuls Must Suit Germany U.S. Informed

American Consuls in Belgium Are Displeasing to Kaiser.

Request is Based on Right of Military to Handle Civil Affairs.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.-Fernando Somezo Vivas, consul general here of the republic of Honduras, was arrested yesterday on a charge of ar-son. He had been under surveillance since last night, when firemen found that his burning house had been liberally sprinkled with oil and turpen

Beatrice Bailey is

Cleared.

Murderer Confesses That He

Aimed Weapon at Another

Person.

Bullet Came Through Win-

dow of Home Where Child

Was Visiting.

By Associated Press.
MILLVILLE, N. J., Dec. 29.—The

who was struck by a bullet that came through a window of the home of her

grandmother near here, where she was spending the holidays, was cleared

up today, when George Hann, 29 years old, was arrested and confessed, ac-

shooting until a young woman mem-ber of the family told the police that

Slays A Bandit

ALSO SERIOUSLY WOUNDS AN-OTHER ONE WHO TRIED TO

ROB HIM.

ST. LOuis, Mo., Dec. 29.—One ban-

dit was killed and another shot and

seriously wounded here yesterday by

Leonard C. Humphrey, a 70-year-old

Civil war veteran. The pair arous-ed Humphrey's suspicions by loiter-

ing in his store while he was other wise alone and he took up his revol

Will Eject Striking

15 all miners living in the company

houses and not paying rent would be

At many of the mines the strikers

have been living in the company

both officials of the United Mine

The miners say the only effect wil

Ex-Gov. of Pa. Named

Workers.

Bureau drawers in the bdroom were found filled with paper saturated in oil; carpets had been sprinkled with inflammables; holes had been cut through the ceilings of closets for flues, and streamers tied from the rafters to guide the flames.

Vivas was found partially clad on the sidewalk shortly after the firemen arrived. At police headquarters he asserted that his consular position as the representative of a foreign nation made him immune from prosecution

W. Va. Schools Show Marked Improvement

THE SCHOOL YEAR 1913-14 WAS
BEST IN HISTORY OF THE
There was no clue to the mysterious STATE

NE NEW DISTRICT HI SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN ES-HIGH Hann had been jealous of her. Hann ES- was found at his home and after he TABLISHED.

fired at his sweetheart and was sor By Associated Press. CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 29. CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 29.—
According to the annual report of L.
Friend, superintendent of High
schools in West Virginia on the schools in West Virginia, on the school year of 1913-14, the increases Civil War Vet 595, and the amount authorized for new buildings, \$767,000.

> Nine new district High schools have ion county, and Wyatt, Harrison coun-

Among the places at which building of High schools are authorized for the new year are these:

Grafton, building to cost \$115,000; ver. The men attacked him, one with Huntington, \$300,000; Morgantown, a hatchet, while the other tried to \$150,000; Beverly, \$10,000; Logan, \$40,000; Masontown, \$25,000; Moorgantown, \$40,000; Mt. Hope, \$15,000; New free and fired. Both men ran field, \$20,000; Mt. Hope, \$15,000; New from the store. A few feet away one Hayen, \$3,000.

Haven, \$9,000; Simpson, \$8,000.

Exclusive of books in the city libraries used by High schools the number of volumes in the High school libraries is 73,493, an increase of nearly 10,000 over the preceding year.

Burglar Knocks Girl

NEW KENSINGTON, Pa., Dec. 29.-Knocked unconscious by a powerful negro as she was putting a three-monthsold baby into its cradle at her home in Parnassus last night, Genevieve Brown, 15 years old, recovreed her senses in time to fire a shot at the fleeing negro as he left by a rear door.

The girl, a daughter of Charles Brown, of Parnassus, was left alone with the baby and a brother, Norman, tices, which will affect about 1,500 21/2 years old, while her father and miners at four mines. The notices mother attended church. She was put were sent to John White of Indianting the baby in its cradle upstairs apolis and John Moore of Columbus, when the negro walked into the bed-

She was about to scream, she says, when the negro struck her When she regained consciousness later and heard the door opening, she got her father's revolver, raised a window and fired at the negro, who was leaving the rear The entire house wsa ransacked, but

yard. litle of value was secured.

Carranza's Soldiers Desert to Gen. Villa

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.I By Associated Press.

ON BOARD THE U. S. S. SAN public service commission, was today Five pocketed the change without designated by Governor Tener as looking which shows that they will ON BOARD THE U. S. S. SAN public service commission, was today five pocketed the change without DIEGO, enroute to San Diego, Cal., Dec. 29.—(By wireless.)—Seven thousand trops of General Carranza's force late Nathaniel Ewing. At the same less by sheer accident. Of the 20 trops of General Villa at the Cavarrant villa at the San Cavarrant villa declared today for General Villa at time Governor Tener, who will re-Tepic, in the state of Tepic, on the west coast of Mexico. Foreigners at San Blas and Tepic have taken refuge aboard the U. S. Supply Ship Glacier. Rear Admiral Howard, in command of the Pacific fleet, on receipt of the news, ordered the gunboat Annapolis by wireless to San Blas, but no tronby wireless to San Blas, but no trouper reporter in Pittsburgh,

NEW PHOTOGRAPH OF THE BELGIAN QUEEN.



This is the latest posed photograph of the Queen of Belgium. It shows the ffect of the war. While she neverwas a heavy woman, her face has mystery surrounding the killing last night of six-year-old Beatrice Bailey, effect of the war. grown thin since the beginning of the war

CONSUL OF HONDURAS ACCUSED OF ARSON cording to the police, that he had ac-cidentally shot the child while trying to kill his sweetheart. The little vic-

tim was the daughter of Mrs. William Bailey, of this place. She was seated at the supper table with other members of the family when the San Francisco Firemen Find Oil Sprinkled Liberally in Burning Home, But Vivas Claims He is Immune From Arrest.

fied the state department that Ameriwas told of the death of the child he confessed, the police said, that he ceptable to the German military au- in relief. thorities, and that it is desirable that some of the consuls be withdrawn for the present at least.

Secretary Bryan declined to make he had had full opportunity to concal circles, however, is that the notice is similar to the one sent Argentina and other neutral countries, and that while the German government does not insist that consuls in Belgium take cials, it announces that consuls must exercise their functions only by per-

the consulate is situated.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29. - The war began they have had little work German government formally noti- of the ordinary character to do. Their activities have been devoted largely can consuls in Belgium must be ac- to looking after refugees and aiding

The request for the withdrawal of certain consuls is said to be entirely impersonal, and to be based upon the public the text of the German commu- law of military necessity which recnication or to comment upon it until ognizes the right of a military officer to dictate absolutely the amount and sider it. The understanding in offi- extent of civil business and the manthat territory.

The disposition of the department is to recognize the right of the authorities of a captured territory to out new exequature from German offi- prescribe at least temporary conditions under which consuls shall discharge their duties and it is contendmission from the territory in which ed this can be done without in any way committing the United States to The United States has consular a political recognition of the right of epresentatives only in Brussels, Ant- the military occupant of a territory to werp, Liege and Ghent, and since the its possession.

Official War News

PARIS, Dec. 29 .- The French offifell dead. The other was found in a physician's office. cial statement on the progress of the war given out this afternoon refers to comparatively minor French successes and mentions violent bombardment of certain French positions by Miners From Homes German artillery. The French have an American vessel which recently asylum. rglar Knocks Girl

WHEELING, W. Va., Dec. 29.—The coal operators in the Eastern Ohio strike district yesterday sent out notices to the effect that the strike district yesterday sent out notices to the effect that the strike district yesterday sent out notices to the effect that the strike district yesterday sent out notices to the effect that the strike district yesterday sent out notices to the effect that the strike district yesterday sent out notices to the effect that the strike district yesterday sent out notices to the effect that the strike district yesterday sent out notices to the effect that the strike district yesterday sent out notices to the effect that the strike district yesterday sent out notices to the effect that the strike district yesterday sent out notices the strike district yesterday sent o tices to the effect that by January

By Associated Paper. 7 BERLIN, via wireless to London, Dec. 29.—The German official statement given out in Berlin today says the German attacks in Poland have made progress and that Russian adhouses since last April without pay vances have been repulsed. In the west the Germans claim gains near Nieuport and Ypres. They defeated tices, which will affect about 1,500 the French not far from St. Menehould, captured a trench west of Apremont, and repelled attacks elsewhere.

Only 5 Out of 25 Return the Dime

ELLICOTTVILLE, N. Y., Dec. 29 .be to increase the bitterness already Walter H. Hoffitt, the business manfelt between th miners and the mine ager of an Ellicottville newspaper, has been nervous about the honesty of the people of this town for some time and decided to try the matter On U. S. Commission out today. He went to one of the department stores in the town center and gave 25 dimes to a clerk, asking HARRISBURG, Dec. 29.—Samuel that in making change she give an W. Pennypacker, former governor of Pennsylvania, and a member of the Well, it's just as Walter suspected. Well, it's just as Walter suspected. others, 15 made tracks for the open spaces of Main street; they were 13 men and 2 women. Of the five who walked back to the counter and proved their natural honesty, three were women and two men. The experiment shows, says Mr. Hoffitt, how any it is for a curious person to dispose of \$2.50.

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Russian Cruiser Not

that it was a Russian cruiser and not an American vessel which recently an American vessel which recently an analysis of the second from Matteawan as all and tonight they are holding these positions in force. The way for

of Alexandretta, Syria, since December 9th.

An Athens dispatch published last week said that the crew of an American steamer had been attacked at Tripoli, south of Alexandretta, when a foreign consuland refugees attempted to board her, and that the North Carolina had threatened to bombard the town.

By Associated Press.]
WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Aggressive warfare by the United States would be possible only on approval of a majority of the voters of the country under a constitutional amendment proposed today by Senator Ow-ens. The power of the President to call out troops to resist invasion would not be altered, but declaration of an offensive war would have to be submitted to a referendum.

Fever Patient

others, 15 made tracks for the open day night during the momentary ab- Grafton Postoffice

GERMANS TAKE TRENCHES OF HIGH IMPORTANCE; AUSTRIANS

Great Britain Fears an Aeroplane Raid-All Defense Machinery is Tightened Up.

ONLY SLIGHT GAINS BY EITHER SIDE

Russians Are Once More the Masters of the Carpathain Mountains.

Villa Thought

FACTIONS IN MEXICO DISAGREE OVER QUESTION OF EXECUTION OF FORMER FEDERALS.

BELIEVED THAT BREAK IS NEAR AND LEADERS MAY FIGHT EACH OTHER.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 .- Reports spicuously erratic. ssued by the Carranza agency here saying that General Gutlerrez, provisional president, had resigned and Mexico City, who yesterday had a gains on either side. conference with Gutierrez.

official dispatches was viewed as not Ypres which have been taken by the altogether encouraging. Friction is Germans and points out that the straregarded as apparent between the tegic value of the positions as been Zapata element and th Gutlerrez-Vil. emphasized recently in a dispatch la faction which thus far has not re- from Sir John French, commander-insulted in a serious break.

and punishment of former federals. of these trenches gives them a strongner in which it shall be conducted in Gutierrez and Villa have been in fa- er foothold. vor of suspending the executions and giving some federals an opportunity ed to that, as is General Palafox, minister of the interior in the Guti-errez cabinet and chief spokeman for which English air men reached Cux-

Mrs. Thaw Finishes

MANCHESTER, N. H., Dec. 29 .-Harry K. Thaw intends to remain in New Hampshire as long as possible U.S. Ship Made Threat his secretary stated last night. The Ry Associated Press. statement was in reply to a question By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Captain
Oman, commanding the armoured
Cruiser North Carolina at Beirut, Syria,

Cruiser North Carolina at Beirut, informed the navy department today to answer an indictmen charging con- German trenches near Lens by as-

ied as usual by a deputy sheriff, saw captain Oman reported that he shall be as usual by a capta state of and from conference of the railroad station in a trolley car ship Strikes Mine instead of an automobile.

Creation of Tariff

Asks People to Say War dent, and four named respectively by of the known. the majority and minority of the sen-Before Declaration ate finance and house ways and means committees, is proposed in a bill which will be introduced tomorrow by Representative Mann, the Republi can house leader. The board would be empowered to investigate both in the United States and abroad.

East Park Man Dies

Chas. Masters, of East Parks avenue, died today at 11 o'clock at Cook hospital. He was aged 40 years and is survived by his wife and two chil-Plunges to Death dren. No arrangements for the fundertaker Musgrave is in charge

By Associated Press LONDON, Dec. 29.-British observers of the progress of the war point this morning to the admission in the To Be At Odds Austrian official report that Russia is once more master of the passes in the With Zapata Carpathian mountains and that the troops along the entire Austrian front seem to be fallers beautiful front the withdrawal of virtually all the forces which swept across the mountains to form the extreme right wing in the concerted Austro-German attack on the Russian armies and it marks another surprising reversal of form on the part of the Austrian soldiers whose battle fortunes since the outbreak of hostilities have been con-

GERMAN TAKE TRENCHES.

Elsewhere in the eastern arena of the war little change has been proleft Mexico City were contradicted by ceived while on the western front the dispatches to the state department to- slow and tedlous trench warfare goes day from the Brazilian minister in on uninterrupted with only slight

"The British press conceded the im-The general situation as reflected in portance of the trenches south of chief of the British forces. They command an important crossing of The chief trouble seems to have River Lys to which the Germans have arisen over the question of execution been holding tenaciously. The taking

FEAR AEROPLANES.

Fear of a Zeppelin raid over Engto join their cause. Zapata, now at land which recently has more or less Cuernavaca, is represented as oppossible of the subsided has been replaced by the possibility of a raid by German aerohaven has driven home the idea that retaliatory visit would not present any greater difficulty. All the machinery to meet air invaders has been tight-Visit to Her Son ened up. The official warnings as to the best step to circumvent danger heretofore issued only in coast towns

ARRAS, Northern France, Sunday,

Thaw's mother, who has been spending the Christmas holicays with him at his leased home, left for Platsburgh last night. Thaw, accompanion for the suburbs of the suburbs (Continued on Page 8.) this attack was

Sinks in North Sea

Ureation of Tarin Is Board Proposed

Washington, Dec. 29.—Creation of a tariff board, to be composed of one member apointed by the President, and four named respectively by

50 English Ships Destroyed by War

wered to investigate both in distates and abroad.

By Associated Person in the distates and abroad.

By Associated Person in the distance of the war 50 British foreign going ships, valued at \$11,400,000, with cargoes worth \$18,000,000, were captured or destroyed by the enemy. These are official figures or the Liverpool and London war with insurance associations. ance associations.

Mines Destroy 22 Scandinavian Ships

by Associated Press. STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Dec. 29